

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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The County of Los Angeles honors the life and work of Cesar E. Chavez with its eighth annual Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week, continuing a tradition of volunteer service, Monday, March 30 to Friday, April 3, 2009. Chavez was a true American hero who dedicated his life to serving others. The anniversary of his birth is Tuesday, March 31.

This year's theme is "**Helping and Serving Others.**" The observance consists of the annual weekday volunteer opportunities for County employees and a two-week food drive, conducted in partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. Instead of taking one day off, County employees voluntarily spend one half-day helping with community enhancement projects and cleanup programs at animal shelters, probation camps, parks, libraries and Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey.

The food drive will take place from Monday, March 23 to Friday, April 3, 2009, as part of Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week. Last year, County employees donated nearly 23,000 pounds of food items and products. The economic downturn has made the need for food donations even greater this year.

County Departments will tailor existing education and cultural programs and activities to the "**Helping and Serving Others**" theme of Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week and

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promote the special activities to employees.

In addition, the Public Library maintains a Cesar E. Chavez curriculum on its website that is accessible to schools and other interested individuals. The curriculum is used for various activities, including art and essay contests that are conducted within probation camps and schools operated by the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

I, therefore, move that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3, 2009 as Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week throughout the County with the theme **“Helping and Serving Others;”**

2. Request the Chief Executive Office’s Office of Workplace Programs to work with the Executive Office of the Board, the Los Angeles County Office of Education and County Departments to coordinate and support Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week activities, including the annual food drive;

3. Request the Chief Executive Office to establish a list of volunteer opportunities for County employees and post the volunteer opportunities on the County Intranet and distribute the list to all County departments; and

4. Encourage all County Department Heads and Districts to promote awareness of Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week and the volunteer opportunities through department newsletters, bulletin boards and other forms of communication.